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FINE LIVE STOCK TAKE MANY PRIZES

THE HEREFORD ENTRIES AT DENVER SCORE VERY HIGH RECORD IN THEIR CLASS.

"Out Door Hereford Herd" Owned by John Hutson of This City Leads all Others in Number of Premiums.

Live stock of all kinds raised in Randall county have taken so many first premiums and have brought the highest prices on the markets so much here lately that it has kept the News reporter pretty busy keeping up with them. Our kaffir corn fed cattle and hogs almost invariably top the markets when offered for sale, so often in fact that the leading commission men of all the markets are taking special interest in the sales and are writing almost daily for shipments of these stock.

In these later days the class and grade of stock has been very



"Strike Twenty," weight 2500 pounds, at the head of the "Out-Door Herd." This bull took first premium at the Denver Exhibition last year but was not entered this year. This animal is considered to be the best Hereford bull in the south or southwest.

materially raised in this county and among the stock raised here now is the famous "Out-Door Herd" of Herefords owned by John Hutson. For several years he has been successful in competitions all over the country the latest of which was at the Denver Live Stock show which was held in Denver, Colorado, last week in which the competition in this class was very keen. In all the entries made this herd carried off fourteen prizes, a record that is seldom equalled in an exhibition of the kind.

Speaking of the stock the Daily Panhandle published at Amarillo on January 25 has the following to say:

"One of the exhibits at the recent Denver livestock show that received great attention was the Herefords of the 'Out-Door' Herd, shown by John Hutson, of Canyon City, Texas. Five bulls from this herd were on exhibition and they carried off fourteen prizes.

"Some eastern breeders have believed that the bone and substance of an animal could not be preserved and increased except on their blue grass pastures, supported by corn.

"The members of the Western Hereford association, mostly living in short grass districts, are showing their eastern brother breeders that they had better stay at home and pamper up their old cattle, and send their boys out West with young ones, giving them half the show that they get at home and they will show the old fossils up 'like 10 cents.'

"Noticeable in this 'Out-Door' herd is Sally's Dale, 247050, sire Armour Dale, 156844, dam Sally Eighth, 135537. Probably most of the pedigree of Armour Dale but the combination of blood and bone in Sally's Dale, with Buckton Thumper, 82869, one of the greatest sires in England, sire of Sally Eighth, has developed one of the best bulls in America.

"The writer is acquainted with this herd, and has seen Sally Eighth on grass, weighing 1,500 pounds, with a calf at her side.

"Another young bull in this herd is Level's Prince 312064, a junior calf by Winsome Prince, 182425, dam, breeders are well well acquainted with Level, 71470. He was given first premium in the open class, also first premium in the Western Hereford. He is a promising calf, and we expect to see him develop into a great bull to honor Denver again. The combination of this blood on the sire side, is Mr. Armour's imported Majestic 135491 with dam Wiggy, 138-218, an imported cow with a double cross of Post Obit, 75080, one of the greatest sires England has ever produced. The ambition of the owner of this 'Out-Door' herd is to keep up and improve the quality and scale of the breed.

"Another bull from this herd, five years old 'Strike Eight,' was shown by the Matador Land & Cattle company of Channing, Texas. He took second premium

to the grand sweepstakes bull of the exhibit. This winner of sweepstakes defeated the winner of the same prize of the Royal in Kansas City. Strike Eight was not in such condition as other aged bulls, but his qualities, nevertheless, were recognized by the judges. Mr. McKenzie, manager of the Matador company, testified that they had seventy-one yearlings sired by Strike Eight and have bred to sixty cows this season, out of which forty-five calves are already living and the balance considered safe.

"The 'Out-Door' herd of Herefords has carried off many honors at cattle exhibitions in Chicago, Kansas City and Denver during recent years and Mr. Hutson is to be congratulated on his unprecedented success in advertising the Panhandle as a fine cattle producing section."

A "Forty-Two" Entertainment.

At their home in this city last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis entertained a number of their young friends in honor of Miss Myrtle Baughman of Fort Worth, who is the guest of Mrs. Davis. The game of "forty-two" was the principal source of amusement being played progressively. Miss Haney won the first prize which she presented to the honoree, Miss Baughman, while Harry Howell was the successful player among the young men. Miss Gober and Austin Altizer proudly bore forth the booty prizes. During the evening delightful refreshments were served to the ten couples who were present.

Mrs. Davis was assisted in entertaining by Miss Holland. The young folks enjoyed the evening very much and are indebted to the charming hostess for a very pleasant evening and will always welcome another.

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GLORIES OF THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

THE GARDEN SPOT OF WHICH IS THE TEXAS PANHANDLE.

Glories of the Southland as Seen by an Athenian During a Recent Tour of the Lone Star State.

General Grosvenor used to tell a political story about the tail wagging the dog. Likewise the Panhandle is wagging the state of Texas. All eyes are on the Panhandle country and emigration to that favored section is heavy.

The homeseekers' excursion that left Athens December 15 via the Ohio Central and Pennsylvania lines became a double header at Indianapolis, two sections at St. Louis and five sections from Kansas City. After checking up the tickets on leaving Kansas City the conductor told me that 75 per cent of them were for the Panhandle.

On arrival at Hereford two sleepers were left on a siding for several days and passengers allowed to sleep in them, the hotels and rooming-houses being overrun. From there prospectors took in the surrounding country in automobiles. The weather was clear and fine and the trip enjoyable.

Hereford, the county seat of Deaf Smith county, is a substantial little city on the Santa Fe road, and a rich section of country. Three banks, with deposits close to a half-million, several large stores and numerous small dealers are doing business. A hardware firm told me they sold around \$200,000 in 1908 and would pass the quarter-million mark in 1909. A fine opening is there for a modern hotel and rooming-house.

As yet there isn't an average of one settler to five sections, but they are coming rapidly, and ere long the production and business of that country will be astounding. While it is all good, yet I think it is generally conceded that the central tier of counties are very desirable, as they are in the shallow water belt. The land is practically level, deep, rich, chocolate and black soil, with a small per cent of sand. Nearly all the grass is mesquite, which is said to be very nutritious—and it must be, as the cattlemen used to winter their cattle on it without other feed.

Some wonder why this part of Texas was not settled up long ago. The reason is that the cattle companies held it by lease for 30 years, then held it arbitrarily 15 years longer, until forced out by the military. It is now settling rapidly by the best element of our country, the attractions being a deep, rich soil that produces well nearly everything grown in the United States; an elevation of 3,000 feet above sea level; a climate free from consumption, asthma, catarrh, malaria, etc; water the purest and soft, from springs and lakes, and also from wells forty to 100 feet deep.

It is destined to become a great wheat country, and already the big mills of the North are arranging to draw on that region for supplies.

In several counties I learned of yields of from 25 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre, and of fine quality. Sod corn brings 15 to 25 bushels per acre—no cultivation—and the second crop, 40 to 70 bushels, showing that when the ground is thoroughly cultivated and subdued it will be a good corn country. Milo maize and kaffir corn are heavy and

profitable crops, requiring but little cultivation; all animals and fowls are fond of it, and it is a great fat-producer. Oats, millet and alfalfa are profitable crops. I met one farmer who cut his alfalfa three times this season getting about four tons per acre, then a seed crop which sold for \$12 per bushel—all this on land that cost him \$12 an acre three years ago.

A German colony at Dimmitt, Castro county, are farming in old Pennsylvania style, and are getting fine results.

Cattle and hogs do well and are made ready for market cheaper than elsewhere in our country. So far as I could learn there is little or no disease among livestock. Bell Bros. have an extensive sheep ranch in Castro county. They breed a large mutton sheep and keep an average of about 6,000 head. They are large shippers and get top prices.

I visited a cattle ranch and seen 300 head of high-grade Hereford spring calves. They were little beauties, even in size and as fat as seals. I saw many herds of large cattle, all Herefords, and in fine condition.

It is also a fruit country. I saw many young orchards three to six years old in bearing and looking well. Trees of all kinds grow rapidly there and the bodies are smooth and healthy looking. I saw many fine apples, and was assured that they grew to perfection without spraying.

A merchant in Hereford showed me his orchard, consisting of all kinds of fruit trees, bordered with forest trees. His trees were six years old and of fine growth. He had a fine crop of apples in his cellar and canned fruit galore. His wife showed me three plum trees which she had sold \$28.50 worth and canned 70 quarts besides. The same gentleman showed me poplar and maple trees only six years old and 9 inches in diameter; locust trees of the same age 10 inches in diameter.

Choice raw quarter sections, three to eight miles out, are selling at \$15 to \$20 per acre—large bodies cheaper. Improved places are \$20 to \$35 per acre, owing to the distance from towns and railroads.

The large cattle ranches are being sold off at bargains. The people are moral, enterprising and prosperous. Those who take hold in earnest soon become independent. I talked with many farmers who paid for their lands with two crops and several who paid out in one year with wheat, alfalfa, maize and hogs. Prices on stock and farm products vary but little from Ohio prices. They sow winter wheat from October to January. A large breadth is out and it looks well. Spring wheat also does there. I saw one entire section owned by an Iowa man, in wheat—one square mile of wheat—and it looked fine. He can safely count on 25 bushels per acre—take your pencil and figure out the result. He paid \$15 per acre for this land two years ago. He sold his Iowa land at \$100 per acre, and got over six acres for one—and far better land.

Taxes are a big consideration. The rate is from 47 to 60 cents. The taxes on a section worth \$8,000 to \$10,000, \$15 to \$18—wouldn't it paralyze a fellow here? To the man who has money to invest it is an interesting proposition. Very little school fund is assessed. The state has over \$80,000,000 school fund. The bridge and road fund is a small concern. Many counties need no bridges, and the roads are dry and solid.

The rainfall from 1895 to 1898

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400 CARS OF CATTLE SOLD.

RAILROADS CALLED ON TO HANDLE SHIPMENTS—PANHANDLE GET OVER \$400,000

Two-Year-Olds to be Taken to Denver and Northern Feeding Pens—Panhandle Stock Coming to the Front.

Denver live stock companies have turned loose \$400,000 in Texas within three weeks for young steers, according to reports to Fort Worth railroads. Much of this money has been spent among the ranchmen between Fort Worth and Texline and a good round sum of it down the Pecos Valley lines.

It is estimated by the railroads that 400 cars of cattle will be shipped out of the Panhandle this week to Denver and at that point distributed to various northwestern pens for fattening.

The buying this winter has been unprecedentedly heavy in West Texas, judging from demands for cattle cars. One Denver firm alone has purchased 20,000 2-year-old steers for the northwestern ranges and will start to shipping them immediately after Feb. 1.

The Denver companies have their agents in Texas every winter buying up good stuff, but the agents have been more numerous this year than ever before. The steers have been bringing a good price, too, averaging about \$20 per head. Quotations at \$38 a head are also given.

It is the policy of the outside companies to feed the steers in and around Denver until spring or fall, and then sell them at a fancy price.

Shipments are unusually early the bulk of the movement generally taking place after the cattlemen's convention in March, when the northern buyers are here in force.—Ft. Worth Record.

JOHNSON-COMPTON NUPTIALS.

Prominent Young Lady of This City Weds Attorney From Portales, New Mexico.

At nine o'clock last Sunday morning at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson, on West Evelyn street in this city, Rev. J. M. Harder spoke the words which joined for life in marriage, J. Cleveland Compton and Miss Bessie Johnson. The spacious parlor of the Johnson home was well filled with friends and relatives who had gathered to witness the ceremony and to wish the young people the joys of a long and happy wedded life.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on the Northbound train for Amarillo and other points for a few days visit after which they returned to Portales, New Mexico, where they will make their future home.

Miss Johnson was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson and had long been a resident of this county and more recently of Canyon City. She had the happy faculty of making those whom she met to become her friends and therefore Mr. Compton is to be greatly congratulated upon securing for a wife such a lady. Mr. Compton is a rising young attorney in the New Mexico town. He is a graduate of the law department of a prominent school in Tennessee and, while not generally well known in this city, has the very best wishes of Miss Johnson's friends.

A great many beautiful and very useful articles were sent in by their many friends in remembrance of the happy occasion. We would like to give a list of the presents but our lack of space forbids.